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To the Framework Committee:

The new Armenian framework section on **page 456** lines 615-634 contains a sentence (in bold) that is not factual.

By 1918, 16 million military personnel and civilians had died and millions more returned home wounded; this toll was enlarged by that year's deadly pandemic of the Spanish Flu. The Ottoman, Austro-Hungarian, and Russian empires had disintegrated and in their place new, independent states emerged, including Poland, Russia, Prussia, and Austria. **In 1915, as the Ottoman Empire collapsed, the Turkish government, or elements within it, ordered the mass deportation of Armenians from their home land in the Caucasus Mountains because of Armenian nationalist aspirations and evidence of collaboration with Russian against the Turkish state.**

Please consider the following from my research for my book and film:

Notes from: THE FALL OF ABDUL-HAMID, Francis McCullagh, Methuen & Co. 1910

THE TREATY OF BERLIN 1878...result of the Crimean War

Much of the war centered on the Balkans, particularly Bulgaria. Roumania won her independence from Turkey, but had to concede much of her land to Russia. Turkey was able to keep her lands in Eastern Anatolia if she promised reforms for her Armenian inhabitants.....

They key word regarding the Turkish Armenians is **REFORM**, not independence! A Hollander and a Norwegian were appointed to oversee that the reforms were carried out. When the war broke out the Turks sent them back to their countries.

The following are letters by Henry Morgenthau, Sr., the American Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire. These letters are located in Morgenthau's personal papers donated to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Library in Hyde Park, New York.

June 21, 1915.

Peet called and we discussed matters about Marash and Harpoot schools (both Armenian towns). I told him that I had secured permission for McNaughton to return to Constantinople and then leave the country. We spoke about the twenty Armenians that were hung the same day at the War Office. The Turks now allege that they were attempting to form an independent Armenia, while in reality they are the men who were arrested a year and a half ago, being accused of plotting against the lives of Talaat and Enver. Please note the words allege and attempting to form an independent Armenia.

Sunday, July 12, 1915

I was in my office reading American newspapers. I was pleasantly interrupted about 11 o'clock by Judge Cater, who brought Mr. Westenenk, the Hollander, who has been appointed inspector General of Armenia.

Thank you,

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